



## Deacon Willie L. Murry

February 26, 1945 - April 18, 2019

Deacon Willie Lee Murry, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, returned home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the age of 74 years. He made a peaceful transition, surrounded by his family and friends, while holding the hand of his daughter.

Willie was born February 26, 1945 to Cecil Jones and Muryel Lee Murry in Wisner, Louisiana. He was the firstborn of nine. He met the love of his life, Frances Lee Jenkins, in Gilbert, Louisiana. After courting her for several years, the two married on February 7, 1974 and shared 42 years of marriage before she preceded him in death. The couple moved to Michigan and both worked for the General Motors Corporation. Willie labored 42 years at the Saginaw Malleable Iron before retiring.

Deacon Murry was candid enough to tell you he wasn't always saved, but when he had his encounter with God, he put his hand to the plough and never looked back. He joined Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1982 under the leadership of the late Pastor Harold Gates. He first served as an usher for three years, and later became an ordained Deacon in 1985. He was Chairman of the Deacon Board, a Sunday School teacher and served in any capacity that was needed around the church. He loved all of his Christ Fellowship Family but he held a special relationship with Mother Taylor and Pastor Robert Davis, both whom he loved dearly.

Deacon Murry was a strong man. A man of principle and integrity. He was a man of faith and a family man. He studied the Word of God daily to show himself approved. He always kept his Bible close by, whether he was at home, work, on the road or in the hospital. Not only did he study the word, but most importantly he lived the word. His teachings and his presence will be missed. But we have not lost him because we know exactly where he is, and that is resting in the arms of his Savior. Well done, good and faithful servant!

On Thursday morning of April 18, Willie was met at heaven's gates by his wife, Frances Lee Murry; parents, Muryel Lee Murry and Cecil Jones; brother, Jerry Jones; father and mother-in-law, Robert and Josephine Jenkins; sisters-in-law, Victoria Turner, Mattie Thomas, Mildred Hollis; brother-in-law, Edmond Jenkins; grandson, Terrance Jenkins.

Deacon Murry leaves a lasting legacy with his children, Anthony Jenkins, Shreveport, Louisiana, Willie (CoCo) Murry, Dallas, Texas, Murylee (Chris) Solomon, Jonesboro, Georgia, Marvin (Cynthia) Murry, Waterford, Michigan; grandchildren, Denita, Melvin, Wendell, Nikki, Angela, Cherelle, Frankie, Marquache, Cameron (Brittany), LeAndre, Cara, Darrias, Draylon; siblings, John (Doris) Murry, Saginaw, Michigan, Johnny Ray, Rosemary (Richard) Jones, Lynn Murry, all of Columbia, Tennessee, Nailah Jones, Hampton, Georgia, Jeanette Jackson, Wayne Brown, both of Washington, D.C.; sisters-in-law, Diane (Elijah) Henderson, Gilbert, Louisiana, Alice (Garrett) O'Steen, Monroe, Louisiana; brothers-in-law, Jerry (Sheila) Jenkins, Monroe, Louisiana, Nolan Jenkins, Gilbert, Louisiana, Robert Jenkins, Monroe, Louisiana; sixteen great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special cousin, Beatrice Brooks and best friends, Malcom and Velma Roach and J.T. and Shirley Jones.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Reverence Hospice Team, Ascension St. Mary's Medical Staff, Pastor Robert Davis and the Christ

Fellowship Church Family, Deacon Malcom and Velma Roach.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 818 N. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Robert Davis, Jr. will officiate. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
818 North Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
818 North Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Bobby & Ethel Shaw lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Bobby & Ethel Shaw - April 25, 2019 at 07:41 PM

TB

“ Trinesha & Kiarra Beloch lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Trinesha & Kiarra Beloch - April 24, 2019 at 02:03 PM

GT

“ To the family and friends of Deacon Murry:

*I am deeply sorry for your loss. I had the honor and privilege of being Deacon Murry's teacher at Saginaw Malleable Iron. He was a kind and wise man, who taught me many valuable lessons. May God continue to bless all of us as we mourn the passing of this great and wise soul. May his memory be Eternal!*



*George Tsiros*

George Tsiros - April 24, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DJ

“ Deacon John T And Sister Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Deacon John T and sister Shirley Jones - April 24, 2019 at 09:43 AM

DR

“ Deacon Roach And Sister Roach lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Deacon Roach and sister Roach - April 24, 2019 at 09:41 AM

VB

“ Vivian Keys Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Vivian Keys Brown - April 24, 2019 at 09:04 AM

TC

“ Tracie L. Conic lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Tracie L. Conic - April 23, 2019 at 05:01 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Yvonne Sanders - April 23, 2019 at 02:32 PM

PR

“ Pastor Randolph lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Pastor Randolph - April 23, 2019 at 11:33 AM

SC

“ Shirley Cork lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Shirley Cork - April 23, 2019 at 08:19 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Tate lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Cynthia Tate - April 22, 2019 at 08:09 PM

GN

“ Gordon And Barb Nichols lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Gordon and Barb Nichols - April 22, 2019 at 05:01 PM

ET

“ Eleanor Plowden Tate lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Eleanor Plowden Tate - April 22, 2019 at 01:18 PM

MC

“ Mary Frances And Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Mary Frances and Deborah Champion - April 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM

SF

“ Sarah Fredricks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Sarah Fredricks - April 22, 2019 at 10:02 AM

SF

*RIP Cousin, such a great man of God!! Always made sure I was taken care of when I worked with him on the roof top at The Malleable Iron, always telling the other guys, take care of my cousin, job well done cousin, take your rest!!*

Sarah Fredricks - April 22, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *RIP Deacon Murray, may God keep and hold your family together.*



Beverly Culpepper - April 21, 2019 at 08:16 PM

RM

“ *RIP Deacon Murry condolences to the Murry family*

Roderick Meeks - April 21, 2019 at 11:14 AM

OC

“ *Odeania Carruth lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



Odeania Carruth - April 21, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *Tia Clark-Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



Tia Clark-Mitchell - April 20, 2019 at 01:14 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



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**Deidre Hunter** - April 20, 2019 at 11:15 AM

MJ

“ *Mother Willie Mae Johnson and Family sends there deepest sympathy to the family of Deacon Murry, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Marilyn Johnsonwoodhouse** - April 20, 2019 at 09:16 AM

CJ

“ *Cynthia M Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



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**Cynthia M Jones** - April 20, 2019 at 05:03 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



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**Deborah Morris-Williams** - April 20, 2019 at 02:23 AM

RS

“ To the Murry family, Our hearts is sadden with you. Praying God will strengthen you during this most difficult time. Because he lives you can and will face tomorrow. Love Rev.& Sis Thomas

Rev. & Sis Lee Thomas Sr. - April 20, 2019 at 01:40 AM

VC

“ Valerie Champion lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Valerie Champion - April 20, 2019 at 12:24 AM

AF

“ Athen And Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Athen and Margery Flournoy - April 19, 2019 at 10:16 PM

EM

“ We loved Dec. Murry. Great times together at ChristFellowship. Robert, Annie, and Ebony McKethern.

Ebony McKethern - April 19, 2019 at 10:04 PM

TC

“ Theresa Carter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Theresa Carter - April 19, 2019 at 09:59 PM

JC

“ Jeanette Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Jeanette Champion - April 19, 2019 at 07:58 PM

MF

“ McKandes Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



McKandes Family - April 19, 2019 at 07:37 PM

IS

“ Inez And Gene Summerall lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Inez and Gene Summerall - April 19, 2019 at 06:46 PM

GC

“ Gary And Marchetta Culpepper-Watson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



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**Gary and Marchetta Culpepper-Watson** - April 19, 2019 at 06:04 PM

CA

“ Gone too soon.... Deacon!!!! Of course I'm not speechless just talking tears. To the entire families of the great Dec. Willie Murry the peace of God will comfort you when the words of men fail to. 😭 Lady Frances... Your 👑 is back with you... Ever remembered, forever loved.... Carolyn



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**Carolyn** - April 19, 2019 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ Gonna miss you my buddy. Gonna miss that beautiful soul.



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**Jackie Davis** - April 19, 2019 at 03:55 PM

JD

*Miss that beautiful soul*

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**Jackie Davis** - April 19, 2019 at 03:56 PM

BH

“ Bro Cecil Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Bro Cecil Hoskins - April 19, 2019 at 01:11 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Dorothy Price-Omar - April 19, 2019 at 09:28 AM

BJ

“ Betty Donald & Willie Mae Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Betty Donald & Willie Mae Johnson - April 19, 2019 at 07:45 AM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Joanie Williams - April 18, 2019 at 08:49 PM

JG

“ Johnny & Shirley Green lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Johnny & Shirley Green - April 18, 2019 at 08:30 PM

LC

“ Larry Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Larry Clemmons - April 18, 2019 at 07:19 PM

KJ

“ K.C. Jeter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



K.C. Jeter - April 18, 2019 at 06:37 PM

CJ

“ Chris &K.C. Jeter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry



Chris &K.C. Jeter - April 18, 2019 at 06:36 PM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



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**Mr&Mrs William Doxie** - April 18, 2019 at 04:16 PM

GS

“ *Gregory Daniel Sr lit a candle in memory of Deacon Willie L. Murry*



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**Gregory Daniel Sr** - April 18, 2019 at 03:08 PM